

Council Explores Possible FBI Use of North Core Metro Site

by Thomas X. White

On January 25 the Greenbelt City Council got the not-so-good news about development prospects for the South Core portion of what used to be known as Greenbelt Station. A week later, on February 2, they got further bad news about North Core prospects. If you love security, of course, ou may grow to love the North Core. The major focus of the worksession on the North Core was less about Mixed Use Development (MUD) than about potential transformation of the site to suit the proposed consolidation project of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

At the follow-up worksession on February 2, six councilmembers were in attendance, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Community Development & Planning Director Celia Craze, Assistant Planning Director Terry Hruby

and Planner Jamie Fearer. Unlike the worksession on the South Core, which had focused on recent history of the stalled, but potential, development on that site; active council discussion regarding proposed changes to the 2005 Development Agreement; and proposed alternatives in the development mix for the site, the worksession devoted to the North Core was primarily a briefing.

Leading the briefing was Garth Beall, an attorney from the Greenbelt firm of McNamee Hosea Jernigan Kim Greenam & Lynch, and an associate, Paul Summers. They described relatively slim prospects for any kind of Mixed Use Development at the Metro Station site and the potential prospect of the General Services Administration (GSA) selecting the North Core for relocation of a consolidated site for the FBI.

Smith Trustee

Beall acts as trustee of A.H. Smith trusts and manages certain business entities owned by the trusts. In this case the A.H. Smith Trust has a stake in Metro-land Developers LLC, the group holding a joint development agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) for the MUD development proposed for the Greenbelt Metro site.

Summers has experience with the GSA process for the selection and leasing for sites proposed for federal facilities.

Although Craze provided a printed copy of the planning staff’s proposed changes to the 2005 Development Agreement between the city and developers of the North Core, she noted that the North Core development group had not yet seen the

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Black History Month

February 1 marked the beginning of Black History Month. The observance celebrates the achievements of African Americans and a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions of African Americans living in Greenbelt. The series is being coordinated by News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross.

B. Ford: Bank Manager, Choir Soprano and Lector

by Mary Moien

It’s Sunday morning and Barbara Ford snaps up her maroon choir robe and joins the other sopranos in the back row of St. Hugh’s choir. She has been a resident of Greenbelt and a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church for more than 30 years. At St. Hugh’s she wears many hats in addition to the choir. Ford is a lector, a member of the Ladies of Charity, Sodality, Christmas Bazaar Committee and CYO board member and helper among other activities over the years.

Ford’s father was in the military so she lived many places early in her life; born in Georgia, she spent childhood years in Tex-



Barbara Ford

as and Germany, but spent most of her formative years in Queens, New York. She came to the DC area and began working for the old Citizen’s Bank as a teller and later as a customer service representative (CSR) and branch manager. She commented on how much she liked working with the customers, helping with their questions and problems. Over time, those activities became more automated and she had less contact with the customers. After 20 years, Ford decided it was time for a change and moved to her current position as an accounting manager with the Prince

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75th Anniversary Family and Youth Events Led Greenbelt’s Early Social Scene

by Sandra A. Lange

Love, marriage and babies occupied many families during Greenbelt’s early years. Greenbelt had a young population, with an average age of 29; the birth rate was triple that of the national average. Newspapers joked about a traffic jam of baby carriages. A number of these babies were born in the Greenbelt Hospital, located then at Ridge and Gardenway.

Greenbelt families had many ways to occupy their free time. The Greenbelt Athletic Club was organized in early 1938 and members formed teams according to the blocks where they lived.

They established a four-team basketball league, a nine-team volleyball league and a seven-team softball league.

The Greenbelt Boys Club was also established. The town library opened in 1939 in the Community Building (then Center Elementary School) and now known as the Community Center.

Women met weekly to play badminton and volleyball. They also held dance and exercise classes. Greenbelt had a town band whose members wore bright green uniforms.

There were Halloween cel-

ebrations with apple bobbing and dancing and at Christmas, Santa strolled through the Center handing out oranges, nuts, candy and small gifts. The Greenbelt Players put on theatrical productions; square dancing was held most Saturday nights.

Greenbelt Lake Park was a favorite gathering spot. In winter there was ice skating and hockey. Residents built a bonfire on the shore and huddled around it to keep warm. In the summer there was fishing. Kids rented rowboats at the lake park for 25 cents an hour.

When the lake park first opened, an area was roped off for swimming. This did not last long, as the water was found to contain harmful bacteria.

The Fourth of July was a major celebration. People came from all around the area to picnic, march in the parade, participate in a soapbox derby and enjoy the fireworks. By 1949 three days of special events were centered around the Fourth of July. Memorial Day provided an opportunity for family outings at the lake park.

Some families packed sandwiches and hiked to Schrom Airport (near Hanover Parkway). On a Sunday afternoon they would sit for hours on the hill across from the airport, watching

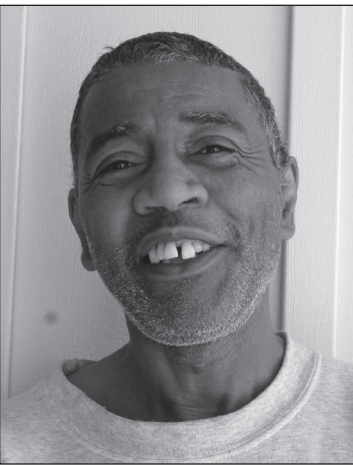
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Herbert Allen – Super Winner As Coach for Girls’ Team

by Virginia Beauchamp

All year long, every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m. – even more in the summer – some 15 or so girls and young women come to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center in Greenbelt to play basketball. Surely one would have to admit their dedication has paid off.

For the last three years the team, the Lady Angels, has taken part in an international basketball competition in Montreal. Each time they came out top winners. That success includes competing against other American teams – from California, Pennsylvania and New York – as well as, of course,



Herbert Allen

against teams from Canada.

How to account for this astounding record? Besides their own individual talents, surely the answer must include the quality of their coaching.

And this topic brings us to former Springhill Lake resident Herbert Allen, part-time Recreation Department employee in the clubhouse in what is now Franklin Park. Currently living in Fairmont Heights, Allen is thinking of moving back to Greenbelt, where he spends the hours every weekday from 3

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What Goes On

- Friday, February 10**
1 p.m., Discussion of Book and Movie, Three Brave Men, Community Center
- Saturday, February 11**
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Office and Community Center
- Monday, February 13**
7:30 p.m., ACE Educator Reception followed by Council Meeting and ACE Awards, Municipal Building
- Tuesday, February 14**
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center
- Wednesday, February 15**
8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Speed Cameras, Community Center
- Thursday, February 16**
6:30 p.m., Feasibility Study on the Widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Demands Surrender

This is to inform you that human rights activists around the country are demanding that 2011 Junior Miss Greenbelt Sarah Crank surrender her title, crown and sash and any prize monies associated with her title.

The demand is being made in response to Ms. Crank's appearance before the Maryland State Senate, where she told elected officials that her "best birthday present ever" would be if they would vote against marriage equality and against equal protection under the law for those of her fellow citizens who happen to be gay.

Many of the Miss Greenbelt sponsors have LGBT-friendly policies and one of the churches that sponsors the pageants is in favor of marriage equality.

Scott Rose

An Absolute Delight

That's what it is to be present Saturday mornings at Greenbelt's indoor pool. Young children being taught to swim while their parents look on. Where did they find such caring teachers? Adroitly supportive and encouraging in their instruction, each child appears to grow in confidence and self-worth under our very eyes. And if you are still there at 10:30, observe the infants (yes, three months, six months) transported through "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

Such an antidote for our deeply troubled times. And kudos for our superbly managed Aquatic Center.

Patricia Novinski

"Illuminating Subject"

After three weeks of letters, it seems plain that the Schuman smoking lawsuit is misunderstood by many. For the record, I am undecided as to what should be the policy, in GHI or the law, regarding smoking inside multi-family dwellings. That's because the questions raised are a difficult balance of privacy and property rights, along with a lot of very complex, highly politicized science.

But all that is really not what is at issue in David Schuman's decision to appeal the judge's commonsense finding in favor of GHI, ruling that the policy issues are a matter for the legislature. Only a small point remains, practically unresolved, since by consent decree his neighbor is permitted to smoke – exclusively – outdoors. It simply defies credibility to claim the dissipated vestige of smoke from two cigarettes daily (as stated in court) from a neigh-

bor's yard significantly impacts a healthy adult indoors. Surely the cumulative respiratory impacts of automobile exhaust in Greenbelt are greater but no suit over that? This secondhand smoke claim seems patently implausible to all but the most dogmatic foes of tobacco and its users, for example, those unwilling to occasionally close the odd window "on principle."

By contrast, it is illuminating, I think, to consider whether we in GHI would like the cooperative to enforce a total ban – punishable by eviction, as a recent letter-writer proposed for tobacco – on the smoking of marijuana. Law aside – and that's a big aside – I suspect few would endorse GHI monitoring, much less punishing, much less evicting, private users of marijuana. Adults in their own home. Gracious, no.

And if the prohibitionist mantra is correct – there's "no safe level" of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke – surely the same is true of marijuana smoke? The likely double-standards in this pot-friendly neighborhood confirm the debate is more about symbols than science.

Nor, I expect, would Schuman or GHI's most indignant anti-smokers have zeal enough – the moralistic gumption – to call for the eviction of a member who'd grown dependent on prescription pain-killers. A compassionate plea for drug treatment seems a more likely outcry. Imagine for a moment that Schuman had contributed his reported \$70,000+ in legal expenses (so far) toward a GHI smoker cessation program, instead of chasing a six-figure purse or a law the legislature won't yet pass and which a judge refused to invent.

But the rush to vilify sad, isolated tobacco users as worse than latter-day lepers has a considerable cachet among those who fancy themselves champions of virtue or, more soberly, public health.

In the Schuman appeal, though, we are largely spared moral, political and scientific evaluations of complex human behavior. The court, instead of the membership, is being asked to decide whether a person should be prohibited – by judicial, not legislative edict – from smoking cigarettes in a breeze-filled yard. That is a tragic, costly overreach on which most in the community, I think, can probably agree.

What's more, despite the fanciful imaginings of the litigious Mr. Schuman, this appeal is a very weak and inappropriate test

case because it (a) reeks of unreasonableness; (b) financially punishes the innocent (even when GHI is vindicated, its members and management not culpable, we pay); and (c) offers even less chance of prevailing on appeal than it did in the lower court, given the outdoors-only decree and the judge's immediate oral ruling against him. Schuman might more wisely opt to bankroll litigation elsewhere, if he hopes to change law – an intention he's denied.

In fact, openly and repeatedly Schuman has said his goal is only to compel his one neighbor, and no others, to stop smoking. All I want is personal relief, he's asserted to audiences. But in the Washington Post (1/10/12), he is quoted as saying "I'm pursuing this . . . because this will affect a great many people."

Duplicity aside, if his case flops on appeal as soundly as it did in the Circuit Court, it may legally harm more than help anyone in Maryland who is being truly victimized by significant intrusions of second-hand smoke. Precedents can cut either way and reach much farther when set at the Court of Appeals level. If his suddenly acknowledged public health agenda is to be believed, it is arguably Schuman who ought to desist. But a lawyer who spends \$70,000 to initiate optional litigation and make an optional appeal instead of closing his window, almost certainly will not.

Andy Carruthers

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Correction

In last week's ad for Clean Currents Wind on page 14 several errors made it impossible to reach the advertiser using the incorrect telephone and email information. The corrected ad is on page 14. The News Review regrets the errors.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF FEB 10

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A Derma Scan machine just a little larger than a computer monitor uses ultraviolet light to show skin damage that is invisible to the eye. Such damage is

usually caused by excessive sun exposure and dehydration.

Screening is for those who may fear their total amount of fun-in-the-sun exposure, to see if there is existing sun damage and will provide information on ways to protect the skin from the sun's harmful rays.

For more information email Felicia Addo at faddo@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-345-6660.

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 13 through 17:

Monday – Orange juice, meatballs with marinara sauce and pasta shells, seasoned zucchini, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry applesauce.

Wednesday – Grape juice, roasted chicken with gravy, red potatoes, lima beans, diced pears.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, Mandarin chicken, fried rice, Oriental blend vegetables, Mandarin oranges.

Friday – Orange juice, vegetarian chili, brown rice, collard greens, diced peaches.

GHI Notes

Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, February 14, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, February 16, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, February 17, Office Closed – For Maintenance Emergency call 301-474-6011

Monday, February 20, Office Closed for Presidents Day – For Maintenance Emergency call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library

Thursday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

More Community Events
can be found on
pages 2, 5 and 8.

American Legion Holds Blood Drive

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will sponsor a Red Cross blood donation drive on Monday, February 20 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall at 6900 Greenbelt Road. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring donor card, driver’s license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required.

For details or to schedule an appointment call 800-448-3543.

At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmcls.info.

Free Monthly Movie Is Ride with the Devil

The free monthly movie, Ride with the Devil, will be shown on Monday, February 13 at 1 p.m. in the Senior Lounge, Room 111 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

This 1999 drama follows lifelong friends Jake (Tobey Maguire) and Jack Bull (Skeet Ulrich) when they join the Missouri Bushwhackers, a ragtag team of southern guerrilla fighters at the beginning of the Civil War. After the cold realities of conflict set in the men must decide for themselves what honor means.

Spaghetti Dinner

February 18, 5-7 p.m.

Mowatt United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd, Greenbelt



\$8 Adults



\$6 Children 5-12 years
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Baked Goods for Sale

Explore Yoga Secrets For a Peaceful Life

On Friday, February 17 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Christine Romero, who will lead a discussion of the guidebook “Yoga Sutras of Patanjali” and its secrets for living a peaceful life. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions about Patanjali as well as other sutras of Yoga practice.

Romero has been exploring Yoga since 1993 and is currently a SAGE instructor for the Beginning and Intermediate Yoga classes at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

ACE Science Clubs Meet Wed., Thurs.

Two meetings of the Greenbelt children’s ACE Science Club will be held on Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Magnolia Elementary School and on Thursday, February 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Free to all Greenbelt children age 8 to 14, the ACE Science Club features hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life and the Universe. Meetings include science experiments, explorations, magic tricks – the club has even been known to blow things up to demonstrate the explosive potential of chemistry and physics. Kids are invited to come enjoy science experiments, explorations, magic tricks and more.

Pepco Contractor Assesses Trees

White Utilimap Corporation trucks seen around Greenbelt the end of last week are contractors working for Pepco to assess tree maintenance needs related to power lines here.

Part of Pepco’s Tree Line USA activities, Utilimap assesses what may be needed in properly trimming or removing trees that may threaten power lines. Tree Line USA is a program of the National Arbor Day Foundation that evaluates electric utility company vegetation management programs on several aspects of environmental stewardship – Pepco has received designation by the program yearly since 2001.

Utilimap workers are distributing a Pepco brochure on the project notifying customers of pending line clearance services in the area. The brochure also provides tree planting guidelines to avoid future vegetation overgrowth problems through the “Right Tree, Right Place” campaign.

For questions about tree maintenance or to obtain a copy of the brochure call 202-833-7500 or visit www.pepco.com.

Alight Valentine Drawing Open

Greenbelt’s alight dance theater is holding a Valentine’s sweepstakes drawing for a prize package that includes wine, chocolates, flowers and two tickets to “Truth Be Told” at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday, February 18 (see ad on page 16).

Enter the sweepstakes by visiting www.alightdancetheater.org and joining their mailing list or calling 301-821-1331 by February 16. The winner will be notified by email on February 17.

For details call 301-821-1331.



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by Paula Vogel

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Saturdays: February 11, 18 and 25

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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Spring Hill Lake Youth Center

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Saturday, March 3, 2012
10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)
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Chronicle, PG-13 (!)
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Star Wars: Episode 1 Island in 3D, PG (!)
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Safe House, R (!)
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The Vow, PG-13 (!)
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Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Dirce (“Dee”) Ronchi, who died February 2, 2012. Mrs. Ronchi would have celebrated her 91st birthday on March 24. A funeral service was held Tuesday, February 7 at St. Hugh of Grenoble.

Congratulations to Greenbelt’s Congressman Steny Hoyer, who was recognized by the nonpartisan League of Conservation Voters with a 97 percent rating for his votes on environmental, public health and energy votes promoting good environmental and energy policies.

Best wishes and thanks for his service to PFC Dayne Ramsey, who was injured in Afghanistan on January 26 when the Army vehicle he was riding in encountered an explosive device. Thankfully, there was no loss of life; Dayne and other injured servicemen were flown to Walter Reed National Military Center in Bethesda for treatment. Dayne, the son of John Ramsey and Justine O’Reilly, grew up in Greenbelt and graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 2008; he is currently recuperating at home while waiting for surgeries to repair serious foot and ankle injuries.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Cerulean Warbler Conservation Talk

Join members of the Prince George’s Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum for a photo-presentation on Cerulean Warbler Conservation with Deanna Dawson. The discussion focuses on the decline of this strikingly colored wood-warbler and efforts underway to improve its future. Cerulean Warblers nest in this area in tall broadleaf trees along rivers and near other water and can be found breeding or in migration from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast and the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Coast. Dawson, a biologist at the U.S.G.S. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, is active in the Cerulean Warbler Technical Group, which studies ways to conserve the species.

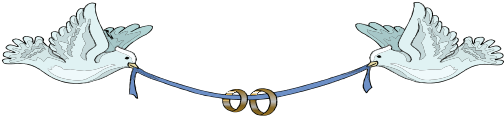
This program will be held in the auditorium of the College Park Aviation Museum at 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive and is free of charge. For more information contact Maureen Blades at 301-262-5148 or mblades@comcast.net.



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Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Sciannella of Greenbelt are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew John Sciannella to Lisa Maria Hoffmaister of Rockville, Md. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hoffmaister originally from Costa Rica.


Matthew is a 2003 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a 2008 graduate of University of Maryland, College Park, with a degree in English literature. He is currently employed as a technical writer for John J. Kirlin, LLC. Lisa is a 2007 graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School and a 2010 graduate of University of Maryland, College Park with bachelor degrees in math and secondary education. Lisa is currently pursuing a master’s degree at McDaniel College in education with a focus on administration. Lisa is a math and ESOL teacher at Annapolis High School.

A July 29 wedding is planned in San José, Costa Rica, with reception to follow. After their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Maryland.




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Pastor Fay Lundin will be offering a guy-friendly 10-minute sermon and the whole service is based on a camping, hiking and outdoor sports theme. All Scouts past and present are invited. Lots of fun and even a prize for the person wearing the oldest piece of Boy Scout attire. Luncheon to follow service.

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Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, February 10 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The Road brings classic rock in the style of the Grateful Dead to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, February 11 begins with Bruce Kritt performing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Broken Horse headlines with a rockin’ tribute to Neil Young and Crazy Horse from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, February 12 Jack Couldn’t Make It plays old time folk music from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

On Valentine’s Day, Tuesday, February 14 Greenbelt favorite Transatlantic Crossing plays high-energy fiddle tunes from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, February 15 singer/guitarist Steven Walker performs jazz, rock and folk from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, February 16, pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Warner Williams and his legendary Piedmont play blues from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 17 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Cyprus Trio celebrates Mardi Gras with traditional Cajun tunes from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, February 18 begins with Bruce Kritt playing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Headliner Reverie Jazz Trio finishes the evening with jazz and blues standards focusing on the 1930s from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, February 19 begins with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the monthly Kids’ open microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m. the Darbuka Dawg Hafla entertains with an evening of live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians playing instruments including the oud, darbuka and riq.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party Sat.

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, February 11 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 7 p.m.

Among the objects to be observed are Jupiter with its four Galilean moons, Venus (currently the brightest object in the evening sky) and Mars. In addition, the spectacular Orion Nebula (a region where stars are being formed) and several very nice star clusters are currently visible in the evening. In addition to the 14-inch telescope in the observatory several ASG members will have their own telescopes set up.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball-field lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
February 13, 2012 - Municipal Building
ACE Educator Reception – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting and ACE Awards – 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations

- ACE Educators Awards
- Oath of Office for New Police Officers

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
Minutes of Council Meetings
Administrative Reports
Council Reports
Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of HVAC System Evaluation and Assessment for Greenbelt Community Center from Mendoza, Ribas, Firinas & Associates of Rockville, Maryland - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Sign
- Cable Negotiation Agreement
- Letter to County Executive on Behalf of County Fire Departments
- State Legislation
- Federal Legislation SB 1994
- Other Reports
- * - Recognition Group Application – Greenbelt Community Development Corporation

MEETINGS


NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

OPENINGS ON UPCOMING TRIPS!

Come join the Senior Globetrotters as we travel on a host of trips this season! Experience lunch and a play, do some shopping or join us on some historic ventures around in the city and on the east coast. We still have available spots for the following events:

- “Let’s Murder Marsha” Play at Rainbow Dinner Theater [March 1]
- “The King & I” Play at Toby’s Dinner Theater [March 7]
- Hagerstown Art Museum & Outlets [March 14]
- Cherry Blossom Cruise [April 4]
- “The Music Man” Play at Arena Stage [June 13]

If you wish to attend any of these or other trips in the future do not hesitate to stop by the Community Center main office or call 301-397-2208 for more information! Registration is required for each trip and there is a fee.




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Three Brave Men: Book and Movie Discussion

Friday, February 10, 1:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center,
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD,
301-397-2200. Free

As Greenbelt, MD celebrates its 75th Anniversary, discussion leader Jim Link, presents Three Brave Men (1957) a courtroom drama based on the prosecution of Greenbelt’s own Abraham Chasanow in 1953 for founding the Cooperative Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. The movie stars Ray Milland and Ernest Borgnine.



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MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13-17

Monday, February 13th at 7:30pm: **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/ACE EDUCATORS AWARDS** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30pm: **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Next Steps

Wednesday, February 15th at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: Speed Cameras at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm, **FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE WIDENING OF BALTIMORE WASHINGTON PARKWAY**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.


DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

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document. For that reason, discussion of the document was held off for a subsequent meeting.

Beall initiated discussion with his assessment that there appears to be no way that the currently proposed mixed use development could be accomplished, if done piecemeal. He said the huge costs to provide infrastructure to serve the development would require a major undertaking at one time with high intensity use.

In light of those obstacles, Beall and Summers have been considering alternatives and looking therefore in the direction of the FBI project. They appear confident that, if the Greenbelt Metro site is one of the candidate sites for the FBI consolidation project, WMATA would extend the Joint Development Agreement with the Metroland Developers LLC group beyond the current March 2014 date.

GSA Process

Beall and Summers provided an informal briefing on the GSA process getting underway in the near future for selection of proposed sites for relocating the FBI headquarters from downtown Washington, D.C., to one of several potential sites. Generally within two miles from a Metro station and no more than 2.5 miles from the Beltway (I-95-495), any potential site is not to exceed 55 acres in size.

They believe the FBI is looking to house up to 11,500 employees at the chosen site, which would include about five high-rise office buildings and associated structured parking.

Beall shared with council a copy of a December 8, 2011, Resolution of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works which sets forth authority given the GSA Administrator to proceed with either a private sector lease or use of federally owned land for a consolidated headquarters facility for the FBI.

The Resolution requires federal ownership of the land and improvements. It also specifies that the headquarters shall contain no greater than 2.1 million rentable sq. ft., and with no greater than 4,300 parking spaces.

In addition the Resolution requires the application of environmental safeguards relating to energy use, water efficiency, storm water management and use of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards at the gold level. The Senate Resolution also requires that the proposed facility provide for Interagency Security Committee Level 5 security.

[ISC Level V facilities are generally those considered “critical to national security.” The Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon are examples of such government facilities.]

Other Possible Sites

If the North Core were one of the sites GSA would be evaluating, it would be in competition

with the Branch Avenue Metro site, the New Carrollton Metro site and others in the region. Based on discussions with county officials, Beall believes the county executive is willing to do all it takes to bring the proposed FBI facility to Prince George’s County. All proposed sites, however, would be in contention.

Other issues with the North Core site would require the current approved Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) and Preliminary Plan of Subdivision be redone. In addition, if the government-owned land option were preferred, both city and county tax revenue from the site would be in jeopardy.

That difficulty could be alleviated by a private lease transaction, however, if GSA were to consider that approach and if WMATA agrees to extend the Joint Development Agreement for either the Metroland Developers LLC or another private developer.

At this point councilmembers got involved in the discussion. They focused mainly on an expected 300-foot buffer zone that might be required for level 5 security, replacement parking for Metro, parking for the FBI and integration of the facility with community and environmental concerns. Davis reiterated concerns she had expressed at the January 25 worksession on the South Core; namely, that she was not thrilled with the idea of locating the FBI facility at the North Core.

She does not think it will happen. “The high water table at the site could have a negative impact on below ground parking that the FBI may need, the potential for Greenbelt to have to forfeit tax revenue due to a government facility taking the entire developable site and serious concern with how the FBI project would fit into the community” were the issues she identified.

Further Issues

Councilmember Rodney Roberts wondered whether the FBI project would have a chance without community support. He also questioned the need for 4,300 parking spaces for the FBI, indicating they do not expect a lot of their employees to use public transit.

Councilmember Leta Mach also expressed concern with the potential lack of integration with the larger community and how the local community would be challenged by the expected level of security.

Councilmember Edward Putens said he would not like to see parking garages necessary to meet their parking needs. He suggested looking at the developing facility for the Health and Human Services complex at White Oak at New Hampshire Avenue and Route 29.

Councilmember Konrad Herling questioned whether FBI employees would opt to live in Greenbelt and other councilmem-

bers noted experience with other large employers and their employees choosing to live outside Greenbelt.

Craze also expressed the view that neither development scenario represents a “panacea.” She added that if, for some reason, the current developers (i.e., Metroland Developers LLC) were no longer involved with the development, the conditions contained in the development agreement would lapse.

APB View

The city’s Advisory Planning Board (APB) members, which happened to be meeting in another room, joined the council worksession when the board adjourned. Although not taking an official position, APB member Matt Johnson volunteered that the APB sense was “Mixed Use versus Security Pod.”

In response to concerns expressed by several council members, Summers related his experience with the BRAC consolidation exercise at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in St. Mary’s County. In his view it was not the influx of more personnel to the base that increased economic development in that community but the subsequent location of base-related contractors and service firms that created economic impact.

He argued that the same dynamic could take place with the location of the FBI headquarters in Greenbelt, with firms supporting the FBI mission locating in the area to better serve their government clients.

Beall also tried to convince council that the impact of 11,500 FBI employees at the headquarters would have economic benefits for the area. His perspective, he said, was that Greenbelt would be seen as a desirable place to live.

Craze suggested that council schedule another worksession with representatives of Metroland Developers LLC to discuss the proposed revised Development Agreement for the North Core and more discussion of the MUD vs. FBI issues. This would allow further council consideration of all options.

Roberts suggested a public hearing and Mach noted there should be time for a considered APB recommendation.

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Trio Presents Concert At National Gallery

On Wednesday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will present a free concert in the West Building Lecture Hall. Performing will be the National Gallery of Art Piano Trio. Music by Granados and Villa-Lobos will be on the program.

Belair Mansion Lecture Features Local Journal

Belair Mansion will present a program entitled “Sylvia’s Diary: Unraveling the Mysteries of a Federal-Era Journal” on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. Alden O’Brien, Curator of Textiles at Washington’s DAR Museum, discusses her fascinating quest for a real person from the past. Call 301-809-3089 for more details.



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GSFC MAD Players Bring Philadelphia to Greenbelt

by Sara Buckingham

Goddard Space Flight Center's Music and Drama Club (MAD) will present its 2012 winter show, a romantic comedy "The Philadelphia Story" by Philip Barry, directed by Eliot Malumuth and produced by Georganne Larsen, from February 17 through March 3. "The Philadelphia Story" takes place in the suburbs of Philadelphia and tells the story of a socialite whose wedding plans are complicated by the unexpected arrival of her ex-husband and an intriguing journalist.

The 1939 American comic play premiered on March 28, 1939 at the Shubert Theatre in New York City and was later written for screen by Donald Ogden Stewart and Waldo Salt. The film starred Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn and James Stewart and is considered one of the best examples of a comedy of remarriage, a genre popular in the 1930s and 1940s. It was

remade in 1956 as the musical High Society, starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong. The following cast members are from Greenbelt: Aref Dajani (Macauley Connor), Carrie Ann Todd (Elizabeth Imbrie), Elizabeth Gardner (Dinah Lord) and Kimberly Moffatt (Elsie).

The show runs for three weekends between February 17 and March 3, with Friday and Saturday evening performances and Sunday matinees. Tickets include pre-show Cabaret entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

For details or to purchase tickets visit: www.madtheater.org or call the MAD Ticket Line at 240-475-8800.

Sara Buckingham is the publicity coordinator and sales manager for MAD and is married to David, a NASA contractor, who is playing the role of George Kittredge.



NASA players in the MAD romantic comedy *The Philadelphia Story* are Aref Dajani (Macauley Connor), Carrie Ann Todd (Elizabeth Imbrie), Elizabeth Gardner (Dinah Lord) and Kathleen Mil (Tracy Samantha Lord).

Letters to the Editor

I Hope He Wins

I support Mr. Schuman in his efforts to eliminate smoking in multi dwellings units. I hope he wins his appeal.

Harriet Hershman

Facts in Dispute

Please allow me to respond to Tom and Johanna Jones' letter in the February 2nd edition of the News Review. The Jones were present at a previous public discussion of the issues involved in this case held in the Greenbelt Community Center, organized and advertised prior to trial, so that the scientific basis and particular facts of the case could be made known to the community. The Jones' letter states the facts of the lawsuit incorrectly.

This case is not about banning smoking in GHI nor is it about changing the rules of the cooperative. Rather, it is about following the established rules of the cooperative. The member complaint process is described in Section XVII of GHI's Member Handbook. It does not provide for an appeal to the membership of an individual member dispute. It provides for an appeal to the membership of a decision to evict.

As GHI indicated at trial in this case, I followed the member complaints procedure correctly. GHI acknowledged secondhand smoke from my neighbor was present in my unit, that it is hazardous and that it is a nuisance. Nuisances are prohibited by the Mutual Ownership Contract. The Board chose to hold deliberations in "closed-door executive sessions." The options presented to me following the member complaint process were for my neighbors to stop smoking, which they indicated they would not do or for one of the neighbors to move.

By stating that I should have brought the general issue of smoking to the community at large, thereby raising serious community debate about the issue, the Jones frame the issue incorrectly. Under the established rules of the cooperative, smoking is permitted. Under the established rules of the cooperative, smoking that creates a nuisance is not permitted.

ted. The issue I raised before the member complaints panel is that a particular member's conduct is a nuisance, not that GHI should become smoke free.

Whether GHI decides to become smoke free, as its headquarters building currently is, may be an issue for the general membership. The conduct of an individual member that the cooperative has already called a nuisance is not. The Jones would have members ignore the member complaints procedure to bring an individual nuisance complaint to the general membership. If a neighbor played Metallica at midnight every night or allowed his dog to go on the neighbor's yard, they would have the victim bring the general topic of noise or pets to the general membership. An individual complaint about secondhand smoke, a recognized health hazard, should be handled individually by the complaints panel.

The Jones' accusations are more appropriately directed to the Board, which allowed a health hazard to continue, rather than the victim forced to suffer that continuing condition. Living in a cooperative requires respect for one's neighbors and respect for the established rules of community living. Notwithstanding the important topic of secondhand smoke, the Jones ad hominem attack undermines both of these principles, thereby bringing more damage to this cooperative than any good faith effort to enforce those rules. Changing the rules after the fact or transforming one issue into a different issue when convenient, are not the foundations upon which a viable cooperative is built.

Finally, notwithstanding the Jones' reference to the "failed

lawsuit," the case is presently on appeal to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. I would encourage anyone interested to read the legal briefs on both sides and attend any oral argument if scheduled. Honest debate on the issues should be based on a correct interpretation of the facts and the law.

David S. Schuman

Reject a Greenbelt Police Officer?!

I was appalled to read the article in the February 2 News Review that the GHI Board of Directors had rejected K9 Police Officer Robert DeFibaugh's request to build a kennel for his police dog at his home in Greenbelt, thus forcing them to move out of the City of Greenbelt! The reason mentioned in the article was that "persons present" didn't want a kennel and there was concern about the noise a barking dog would make.

Come on! Having a police officer living nearby is an honor. What better neighbor could you ask for? Not to mention the added security a K9 in the vicinity would have. Police K9s are well trained and any barking, I'm sure, would be warranted and would not be a nuisance. I would be grateful to have a policeman and his dog live next door, I only wish a unit was available.

We need to keep our police officers living in our city. They are an integral part of our community and they should be allowed to live here with their K9s. I'm surprised that the GHI Board would let a few "persons present" cause such an absurd judgment. We need to keep our police officers and their K9s living in Greenbelt.

I wish the GHI Board would reconsider this bad decision.

Ginny Mudrock



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Bowie Museum Shows Model Railroad

On Sunday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Bowie Railroad Museum will present "Trains in the Caboose." The NTrack Train Modellers will set and demonstrate a model train layout in the Caboose.

Call 301-575-2488 for more information.



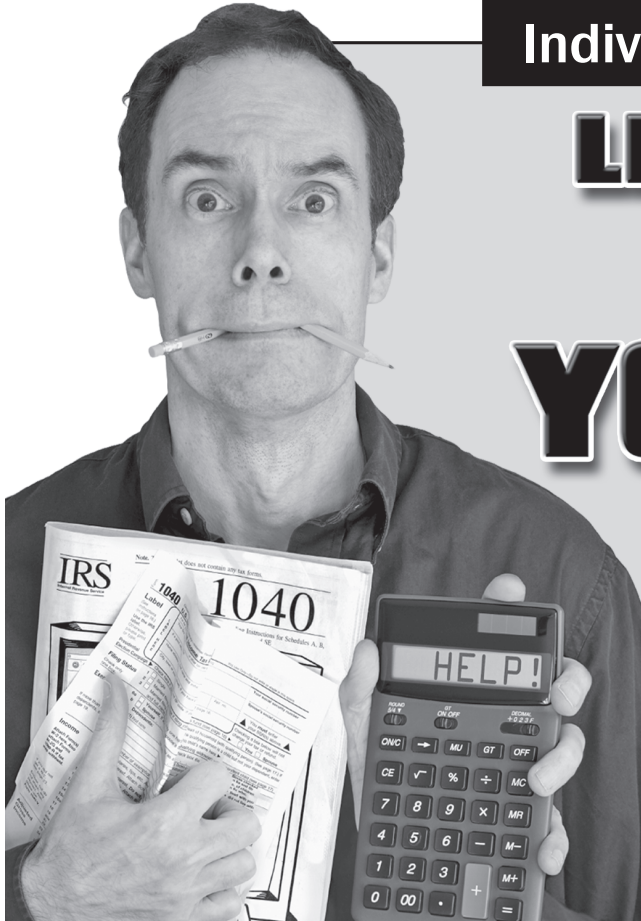
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The Valentine’s Day King and Queen from 1954 share a kiss at Greenbelt’s Drop Inn, the precursor to the Youth Center.

the small one- and two-engine planes take off and land.

Another activity was walking along the path from the spillway at the lake park to Indian Springs [located behind Capitol Cadillac]. (The Beltway did not exist then.) There were seats at that time around some of the trees, as well as picnic tables and three springs with cool, clear water. On the hill above the site were graves of Revolutionary War veterans, still there today.

Greenbelt had the first public swimming pool in Prince George’s County. The pool opened on Memorial Day 1938 at a cost to the federal government of \$72,000. Fees ranged from 20 cents for children to 35 cents for adults. Later, monthly

and season passes became available. The pool was Greenbelt’s summertime social center and was open to nonresidents as well.

Summer’s End

In the 1940s a water pageant culminated summer’s end. As many as 2,000 people gathered on the hill behind the school overlooking the Greenbelt pool to marvel at local youths performing synchronized swimming and diving routines.

“I was one of the mermaids in the [water] ballet,” commented pioneer June Hammersla Franklin. “We did all the things Esther Williams used to do.” One year there was a water float drawn by white swans, as well as a queen pageant and a mock wedding.

On Saturdays kids could enjoy a movie including cartoons and newsreels, with candy or popcorn, for only 25 cents. Teens spent their time at the Drop Inn, a prefabricated building located at the site of the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments. They organized “Stunt Night” with dancing, singing, acrobatics, baton twirling, recitations, musical numbers and balancing and comedy acts.

The Co-op Drug Store [where Beijing is now] had a soda fountain and booths where teenagers met after school to see friends and drink cherry cokes. Pioneer Pauline St. Martin Bordas recalls, “I knew my husband Jim in elementary and high school but we ‘met’ again at the Greenbelt Drug



A wedding was the theme of a Greenbelt water show held at the pool in the late 1940s. The mock bride and groom are Ora Donoghue and Donald Brewer. The popular water shows were a highlight of Greenbelt summers. This photograph was donated to the Greenbelt Museum by Kathy Labukas, whose mother, Eileen (Mudd) Labukas, was instrumental in creating the water shows.

Store in 1947. We were married at St. Hugh’s Church on November 12, 1949.”

Each year the Greenbelt High School held an “All Greenbelt Night” at Ritchie Coliseum at the University of Maryland. There were boys’ and girls’ basketball games, skits, dancing and the crowning of the high school queen.

With so many events and activities throughout the year, Greenbelt residents developed a strong community spirit that has persisted for nearly 75 years.

An article planned for late summer will feature the Town Fair, which began in 1939, and its successor, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

Dems Club Meets, Fetes Sweetheart

The next meeting of the Roosevelt Democratic Club is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17 at the Greenbriar Terrace Room. After a brief business meeting the invited speaker is Rep. Donna Edwards, who is running for a third term in the U.S. House of Representatives . . . with Lisa Bianco from Rep. Steny Hoyer’s staff if Edwards’ schedule prevents her attending.

Sweetheart

The closest meeting to Valentine’s Day also celebrates and honors this year’s city employee “Sweetheart of the Year,” Megan Searing Young. Before coming to the Greenbelt Museum in 2007 Young, a decorative arts specialist, had worked in museums and historical organizations since 1997. Since becoming director in 2008 she has curated “Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt” and co-authored “Images of America: Greenbelt” and she currently serves as staff liai-



son to the 75th Anniversary Committee. She will be a panelist on the upcoming Greenbelt Museum at 25 along with three other former museum curators discussing the Greenbelt Museum’s history and future.

Theater Evening

On Friday, March 16 the Roosevelt Club will have its annual dinner and theater evening – dining at the New Deal Café, then walking to the Greenbelt Arts Center to see a live performance of the musical Pippin. For more information call Karl Shipp (301-577-8907) or Katy Pape (301-441-3911).

Primary

Maryland’s Democratic Primary has been changed from September to Tuesday, April 3. To vote in the primary all must be registered by March 13. Everyone is asked to help get out the word about other changes – teens who will be 18 before November 6 are eligible to vote and so are felons who have served out their time.

Legal Workshop

On Thursday, February 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) presents a workshop, Creating a Special Needs Trust. The presenter is Ron M. Landsman, counselor and attorney-at-law. Families living with mental illness are often anxious about ensuring that there are resources – financial, legal and personal – to meet their loved one’s future needs. Landsman will present a basic explanation of a Special Needs Trust, a tool to improve the quality of an individual’s life without disqualifying him/her from eligibility to receive public benefits.

Endangered Species Program for Kids

On Wednesday, February 15 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. a program for ages 8 to 12 entitled “Endangered!” will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

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Robberies

January 27, 10:52 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A man was approached by two men who assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as black males, 18 to 22 years old, 5'6" to 5'10" in height. One was thin and the other heavy. Both had visible tattoos.

January 28, 10:31 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A woman was approached by a young man who forcibly took her backpack. The robber is described as a black male, 16 to 24 years old, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, wearing a green sweater, black jacket and blue jeans.

Attempted Robbery

January 26, 7:12 p.m., Greenbrook Drive at Brooks Place. A woman was approached by two young men who tried to take her purse. They are described as black males, 16 to 24 years old, 5'6" to 5'8" tall, wearing dark clothes.

Drug Arrest

January 29, 1:58 a.m., TGI-Friday's. 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 23-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

DUI/DWI

January 29, 11:08 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road. A 44-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Trespassing

January 30, 11:31 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 28-year-old Temple Hills man was arrested and charged with

trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

January 27, 12:55 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

January 27, 8:35 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Electronics were taken.

January 29, 9:12 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

January 29, 11:42 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Unknown items were taken.

January 30, 2:04 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. Electronics were taken.

January 30, 7:31 p.m., 6700 block Springshire Way. Jewelry was taken.

January 31, 9:37 a.m., 100 block Ridge Road. A safe and currency were among the items taken.

February 1, 3:11 p.m., 7800 block Good Luck Road. Electronics were taken.

Malicious Destruction

January 29, 7:12 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A 19-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property after breaking a window. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

January 28, 12:24 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A window was broken.

January 30, 9:13 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A rock was thrown through a sliding glass door.

February 1, 9:10 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A rock

Prostitution Raids Made at 3 City Sites

On Friday, February 3 city police announced raids had been conducted that day on three suspected houses of prostitution in Greenbelt.

The three, operating as acupuncture and massage parlors, at 7335 Hanover Parkway, 7743 Belle Point Drive and 7525 Greenway Center Drive, were subject to search and seizure warrants obtained after an ongoing investigation revealed illegal sex acts were being performed inside the businesses in exchange for money. Currency was seized and charges are pending.

The first two sites listed were also raided last year by Greenbelt police and Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) agents, as reported in the June 16, 2011, News Review.

was thrown through a sliding glass door.

Vehicle Crime

A 1994 Dodge Caravan stolen from the 200 block Lakeside Drive was recovered by Prince George's County police in Lanham. No arrests were made.

Thefts from autos were reported in the Unit block Centerway (clothing and headphones) and in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive (rear MD tag).

Attempted thefts from autos occurred in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway and 6700 block Greenbelt Road.

Vandalism (scratched vehicles) was reported in the 8000 block Mandan Road and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

Abby Holt Wins Legion Post #136 Oratorical Contest

by Carol Griffith

On January 14 American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt held the Legion's 2012 Oratorical Contest through which high school students win scholarship money.

The Legion actively recruits contest students from several local high schools by working through the schools' guidance counselors. Students may also search the Legion's website for a post holding an oratorical contest and sign up to participate.

This year Post 136 sponsored three prospective contestants, including one from Greenbelt. Two of them, however, found they were unable to attend the contest as scheduled. The remaining contestant, Abby Holt from the Annapolis area, participated for her second year in the Post 136 contest.

For the occasion Post 136 recruited five judges from outside the Legion. They were Mayor Judith Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan, Councilmember Konrad Herling, the Reverend Daniel Hamlin of the Greenbelt Community Church and the present writer. Post 136 Commander Jose Morales represented the post. Tony Sanchez of the

Bowie post, and previously of Post 136, served as the timing judge, as he does for many local, county and state contests.

The oratorical contest requires contestants to present a prepared oration of eight to 10 minutes in length on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution and then to speak for up to five minutes on one of four topics chosen by a Legion official regarding the Constitution.

The judges provided Holt with a critique of her speeches and she expressed her appreciation for the individualized attention she had received. During a luncheon provided by the Post following the contest, the judges, Holt and her mother enjoyed discussing her college and career plans. Post 136 awarded Holt the full amount of scholarship money available at the post level.

Holt will also participate this summer in another of the Legion's youth programs, Girls State. The week-long program, with its companion program Boys State, trains future leaders in good citizenship, helping them to understand and participate in government at the city, county and state levels.

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Candidates must be a member of the Cooperative and be willing to participate in at least 21 board meetings per year, which are held every other Thursday of each month. Other duties/qualifications include serving as board liaison to at least one committee, a respect for confidentiality, team spirit, independent thinking, and a genuine love of your Cooperative. No prior experience is necessary; however, general business and financial knowledge or experience is helpful.

A candidate will be selected from the submissions received and will be approved by a plurality vote of the remaining directors to serve as a director until the next regular annual membership meeting on May 17, 2012.



Artist Ed Bisese (left) talks to Elyse Harrison at the reception for Bisese’s new exhibition “SupaMonsta” in the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery. On the wall are three of Bisese’s works based on the Peter Rabbit stories.

Mid-Week Bird Walk
On Goldman Trail

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will hold a free guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia to look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird flyovers on Thursday, February 16 at 3 p.m. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and beside Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. Beginners and experts are welcome. Binoculars are suggested. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

Winter Bird Walk
Saturday Morning

On Saturday, February 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. ages 14+ are invited to join a naturalist-guided search for winter birds on the Patuxent Research Refuge. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.



Meet at the National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Nature Program
For Small Fry

On Thursday, February 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. a Nature Tots: Owls Outside program will be offered for children ages 3 and 4 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Introduce preschoolers to the world of owls through songs, stories and crafts in this interactive program.

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A smile makeover consultation with a dentist who is experienced in cosmetic dental treatment is the first step for improving your smile. It is important for the dentist to listen carefully to your concerns and goals. There is usually more than one solution to dental problems. Your dentist should present treatment options with a variety of dental procedures and explain how they can improve your smile. A combination of treatments can give a great outcome and often lowers the total price.

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February Artful Afternoon Kids Make Pop-up Valentines



Anna Marie Garcia (8, second from left) shows workshop leader Sherill Anne Gross (left), her sister Felicity Garcia (5, third from left) and father Leonard Garcia a pop-up Valentine's Day card she has just made.



From left to right, Little Miss Greenbelt Yasmyn Switzer, Junior Miss Greenbelt Sarah Crank, Caroline Casey and Jenny Grier make Valentine's Day cards.



Sabina Ramirez-Skolnik (6, left) and her sister Aliya Ramirez-Skolnik (3) show off the cards they have just made.

Speaking of valentines . . . don't forget to check to see if you were the recipient of a love note on page 16.

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George's County Association of Realtors, a local chapter of the National Association of Realtors.

Greenbelt Connection

When Ford and her family first came to the area, they settled in Hyattsville. Then, like many future Greenbelters before her, she moved to Springhill Lake Apartments, an entrée for many families into the city. That was around 1980. Soon she discovered the condos at Greenbriar and purchased a home there in 1984. She has resided there ever since.

Ford has three adult children – Krystal, Eddie and Dana. She took a very active role in various PTAs while her children attended Greenbelt Elementary School, St. Hugh's school, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. While in school, her children were also very active in CYO sports. In those days, there was less diversity in Greenbelt. She smiled as she recalled that the other parents never had to ask her which children on the team were hers. She is pleased to see the increase in diversity in the city now.

Black History

Ford commented that she had learned little about African American history while in school. After the Civil Rights movement she had a clearer understanding of the richness of achievements of black men and women. Ford feels that there is always a need to set aside a special time, like Black History Month, when children and adults of all races can see, hear and appreciate the contributions and accomplishments of the African American culture, especially given the trials and tribulations of the past. "I am especially proud of President Barack Obama's willingness to overlook the obstacles ahead of him and strive to serve our country as its president. That type of bravery is found throughout the history of African American culture."

When asked about ways to bring the various neighborhoods of the city closer together, Ford replied that there are many activities that bring all Greenbelters together. She immediately mentioned the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and its activities, the July 4th fireworks and how we all share in the movies, the malls and the great eateries in Greenbelt. She believes that the many churches have activities throughout the city that promote community involvement.

Future

Ford is a member of the Greenbelt Writers Group and would love to spend more time writing poetry and, perhaps in the future, publishing her works. She looks forward to spending more time with her children, grandchildren and the rest of her family who have joined her in Maryland over the years. Ford summarized: "I have really enjoyed living here, the friends I've made. Everyone has been great. It's been a wonderful place to live." But Barbara Ford is like a 21st century Renaissance woman, interests and activities are always calling to her.

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o'clock till closing time. Not surprisingly, during our interview he turned away from time to time to deal with questions and offer suggestions to young people using the Franklin Park facility.

Allen has been coaching in Greenbelt for some eight years. He estimates that during his 39 years here and elsewhere in the county, beginning when he was 18, he has coached some 2,000 boys and girls.

Some have gone on to compete on college teams and one current player, Lauren Brittingham, recently was invited to try out for a professional basketball team overseas.

Canada Trip

In these last three years, in addition to coaching, Allen has managed transportation and chaperonage for the young women who travel so far on their annual trips out of the country. Their bus travel takes some nine hours, he estimates, and they stay in Montreal from Wednesday to Monday.

To make the journey possible, he credits willing parents who assist with fundraising and some of whom serve as chaperones.

Parents help as well, he says gratefully, in sponsoring and planning an annual banquet for the group. This year, to show their gratitude and appreciation, they presented Allen with a special certificate and a Lady Angels Championship medal.

And what will the future hold?

Allen says he hopes a women's basketball league can be developed in Prince George's County. Until then, perhaps this out-of-country tournament will have to do.

Book Club Discussion On Friday Evening

The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club meets monthly to talk about literary nonfiction by women authors. This month's meeting will be Friday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. The group will discuss Caroline Knapp's book "Drinking: A Love Story." The program is free and open to all.

For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Widowed Persons Support Group

A six-session support group for widowed persons begins on Friday, February 24 at 2 p.m. in Lanham. The group is presented by Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and co-sponsored by American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

The program is designed to help men and women who have recently lost their spouses and will be held at the Residence on Greenbelt (formerly Rexford Place), 9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. Sessions are from 2 to 4 p.m. each Friday.

There is no fee although pre-registration is required. To get more information and to register call Resa at 301-345-3583 or Kathleen at 301-474-6892.

GHI Holds Town Hall Meeting



At the well-attended GHI Town Hall on February 4, President Tokey Boswell introduced new General Manager Eldon Ralph and discussed the two-year strategic plan developed by the Board of Directors. The plan includes the pilot program upgrade, bathroom and electrical inspections and GHI’s revenue stream. Ralph spoke about GHI’s values and vision and received a warm reception from more than 150 members who attended the meeting at the fire hall. From right are Boswell, Ralph, board members Ed James and Patricia Novinski and GHI staff members Joan Krob and Brenda Lewis.



The town hall provided a forum for members’ questions and comments. Wayne Williams expressed concern about the possibility that rental rules will be loosened. A task force will be set up to study the problem of members who have asked to rent their units because they are underwater on their mortgages and can’t sell.

Photos by
Eric Zhang

Laurel Dentists Offer Free Emergency Day

On Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Laurel dentists Maurice Miles and Daniel Melnick of Laurel Lakes Cosmetic Dentistry are offering free emergency dental treatment on a first-come, first-served basis at 13916 Baltimore Avenue in Laurel.

The offer is designed to treat an adult or child who cannot afford dentistry. The dentists were motivated by news reports about the increasing number of Americans forgoing healthcare because they have no insurance and are unable to afford the cost of visits, which puts them in danger of tooth decay and gum disease that contributes to other illnesses like diabetes, liver and heart problems.

UM Offers New Opera Reading

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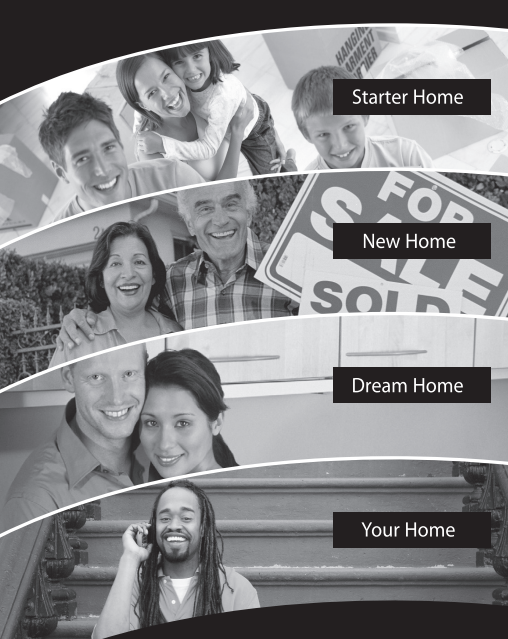


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Planning Staff reports the Greenhill Stream Restoration contractor is installing the last of the step pools near the pedestrian bridge. The pedestrian bridge is planned for delivery this week for installation.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 24.95 tons of refuse and 14.58 tons of co-mingled recyclable material and picked up recycling at the Springhill Lake Elementary food distribution. The electronics recycling event was a great success with 207 vehicles dropping off

electronics.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crew finished the clean-up of the Indian Springs walking path from the springs to the cemetery.

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Roses are pretty
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I'm still loving you

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things.
We have a lasting kind of love.
Shobha

Happy Valentine's Day
To all our Greenbelt friends
And neighbors
Bill and Shobha

For the Foerter Family
This will be a wonderful year
Of that I have no fear
I'm back where I should be
Spending time with my loving
family!
I'm looking forward to times that are
great
Sharing them with my clan & my mate
Now I have a woman they don't hate
It's time to celebrate!

Lisa, I love your sweet sugar lips,
 I'll be kissing them on all our trips!
 You're the only woman for me,
 So you know what that means,
 Next week we'll be rocking
 At Mardi Gras in New Orleans.
 You've filled me with hope, dreams,
 & desires
 And relit my passionate fires!
 I always miss you so very much,
 I long for your sensitive and loving
 touch!



Baby, I love you with all my heart
I knew it from the very start.
There's no one that ever made me feel
A love that is so special, intense, and
real!

K-man
You are so sweet and kind.
Will you be my Valentine?
I love you!

	Love, Mommy
Biff	
Will you be mine?	JDBlockhead

Iz –
Whether you are a hummingbird,
freckles, or little adventurer...
You are my special one of a kind girl.
I am happy you are mine.
I love you.

Love, Mommy	
Mommy, You are the best.	
Love, Kellen	

To Mommy,
Mothers are sweet
We owe them a treat.
They are fun and friendly.
We love them very much.
And they are warm to the touch
Love, Izzy

Happy Valentine's Day
To my BFF pack Solo, Peanut,
Sawyer, Milo, Loki,
Eva, Lola, Fresco, and Rex!
Licks from Penny!


To Sylvia Lewis,
My outstanding valentine,
With love and respect!



Dear Aaron,
Crayons are red
Trucks are blue
I look forward to times
When I see you
We share hugs
We share cars
You'd be my best friend
Even if we lived on Mars

[illegible]

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Animal Shelter staff –
Kudos to each of you.
All cats and dogs and others
Out there alone on their own
Are well cared for by you
Until they can get a new home.
You're doing a great job –
Everyone will say,
So on behalf of all pet lovers,
Happy Valentine's Day.

[illegible]

Dave, at the eighth grade dance years ago
When you put your arm around me and gave me a kiss,
I fell in love with you right there.
I love you, and these three words
Have my life in them.

Love, Heba



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Love, BB

BB
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To Rz
Showing me
When'er we meet
Every moment's treasure,
You give to me
Those moments back,
A gift in fullest measure.
My happiness
I cannot hide –
It's plain upon my face
Please say you'll
Be my Valentine
And seal my smile in place.
From Jz

♥♥♥

It is a proven mathematical fact
That the odds of something happening
Are fifty-fifty –
Either it will or it won't.
Will the moon swallow us whole?
Will I eat a grilled cheese sandwich?
Will the zombie cows attack us?
Fifty-fifty odds, each and every one.

Paradoxically, though,
The odds of me loving you
For the rest of my life
Always have been, and always will be

One hundred percent,
With no margin of error whatsoever.
Gee

You look at his face and you are all
aglow;
You gaze at his eyes and your heart goes
pit-a-pat;
He does the slightest thing and you
think he's a genius;
You carry his picture wherever
you go;
If he wasn't your great-grandson,
Declan, I'd be jealous!
Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,
The Other Guy

Special Valentine's greetings to Marci & Dan, Siobhan, Kirk and baby Declan, Kieran & Kim, Colin, Mickey & Harold and Kayla and to my beloved Jim!
Bernie G.



Caution Issued On Gas Appliances

In the wake of a February 7 carbon monoxide poisoning incident in Ft. Washington, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has issued a reminder to customers of the importance of proper installation, inspection and maintenance of gas appliances.

WSSC, which is responsible for inspecting newly-installed and replacement gas appliances is urging owners of existing gas appliances to assure they are properly maintained. WSSC recommends that all gas appliances be serviced by a WSSC-registered plumber/gasfitter or heating/ventilation/air conditioning specialist on a routine basis.

Those with questions about gas appliance safety or considering buying a gas appliance can review frequently asked questions on gas appliances at the WSSC website <http://www.wssc-water.com/home/jsp/content/gas-appliance-faqs.faces>.

Buddy Attick Park Renovation Planned

The group picnic area at Buddy Attick Park is closed in order to do ground renovation work.

The natural systems of Greenbelt's parks are beginning to fail, according to Lesley Riddle of Public Works. Park systems provide a continuous bio-habitat for a host of wildlife. Damage to the systems is already evident and will continue to occur without proper intervention, she added.

In specific areas the understory plantings have decreased, species decline is evident and areas of sediment run off from the compacted soil flows freely into the lake.

Renovation will begin with mitigating sediment run off in the group picnic area through placement of stone and natural plantings.


Closing the group picnic area is planned for the 2011-2012 winter/early spring seasons. There may be a need to temporarily relocate this area for the spring season, depending on weather and timing for the initial renovation effort.

Accreditation Received For Echocardiography

The Cardiology Department at Doctors Community Hospital has received three-year accreditation for its echocardiography (heart scanning) services by the Inter-societal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL).


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